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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of )  
Eiji Kawaguchi, et al. )  
Serial No. 09/819,936 )  
Filed: March 27, 2001 )  
For: INFORMATION HIDING SYSTEM, )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - FIVE MONTHS**

Sir:

In the above-identified application, the applicant respectfully petitions under § 1.136(a) that the period for response to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts be extended for five months. The original response was due on September 8, 2001, and was filed on September 23, 2001. However, the response was deemed to be incomplete due to the omission of the basic filing fee, necessitating this filing.

A check in the amount of \$980.00 is enclosed for the petition fee (small entity).

Respectfully submitted,

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